

Regarding RM-10740: The case the petitioners set forth is narrowly drawn and only deals with one aspect related to amateur radio operation, that of interference. The Rules already deal adequately with the management of interference by requiring amateurs to exercise due diligence to avoid causing interference to other amateurs and radio services.

Many commenters correctly point out a founding principle of Amateur Radio is to aid experimentation in the radio arts. There is also the importance Amateur Radio plays in community and emergency service operations. There are a additional reasons, too numerous to detail here, why Amateur Radio is of great value to its participants that the petitioners do not consider.

Therefore I urge rejection of the Proposed Rulemaking on the basis that it would bring an excessive reduction to amateur operations without producing an offsetting increase in utility or enjoyment for the users of Amateur Radio.

Instead, the Federal Communications Commission, in its mandated duty to enforce against Rules violation, advise amateurs who choose to operate with increased bandwidth that by so doing they shoulder an increased burden to protect other amateur operations from interference.

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